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SUBJECT: RESUMED TENTH SESSION OF THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
BOARD - TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY

REF: (A) STATE 95650, (B) VIENNA 3102

1. IN RECENT CONVERSTATION WITH TANAKA (ACTING CHIEF OF
UNIDO TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY SECTION) LATTER REFERRED TO
LINE TAKEN BY WEO'S AT 61ST ECOSOC TO HEAD OFF G-77
RESOLUTION WHICH WOULD HAVE ESTABLISHED UNCTAD AS THE
LEAD AND COORDINATING AGENCY IN THE UN SYSTEM IN THE AREA
OF ASSISTANCE TO LDCS IN BUILDING NATIONAL CAPABILITIES IN
THE FIELD OF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. AS DEPT AWARE, ON
INSISTENCE OF WEOS, G-77 DRAFT WAS REVISED TO GIVE
EQUAL PLACE TO UNCATAD, UNIDO, WIPO AND OTHER RELEVANT
UN AGENCIES IN THIS TASK.

2. TANAKA INDICATED THAT, IN LIGHT OF UNCTAD-IV COMPREHENSIVE
RESOLUTION ON UNCTAD'S ROLE IN TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND
ACCOMPANYING DECISION TO ESTABLISH UNCTAD ADVISORY SERVICE
AND SUBSEQUENT ECOSOC ACTION, UNIDO SECRETARIAT
WAS CONSULTING WITH VARIOUS VIENNA G-77 REPS ON THE
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QUESTION OF MAKING ANOTHER STAB AT RESUMED IDB-X

AT REACHING AGREEMENT ON A RESOLUTION ON TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY THAT WOULD CONFINE ITSELF TO REDEFINING UNIDO ROLE IN THIS FIELD. SUCH RESOLUTION WOULD HAVE THE SAME OBJECTIVE AS THE DRAFT DEVELOPED BY UK/US AT PC-VII (REF B) AS A COUNTER TO THE G-77 DRAFT CONTAINED IN ID/B/C.3/L.30. IN TANAKA'S VIEW A STATEMENT BY THE BOARD AT THIS TIME OF WHAT IS EXPECTED OF UNIDO IS ESSENTIAL IF THE BALANCE OF RESPONSIBILITIES AS BETWEEN UNCTAD AND UNIDO PRESUMABLY SOUGHT BY THE ECOSOC RESOLUTION IS TO BE MAINTAINED. TANAKA ADMITTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE ATTITUDE OF THE G-77 TOWARDS THE SECRETARIAT LINE WAS NOT YET CLEAR. AT THE SAME TIME HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GROUP B WOULD SUPPORT ACTION OF THIS KIND.

3. WE ASSUME THAT, IF THE G-77 ARE PREPARED TO NEGOTIATE A RESOLUTION OR OTHER FORM OF STATEMENT ON THE ROLE OF UNIDO IN THIS FIELD ALONG THE LINES OF THE DRAFT CONTAINED IN REF B AS AMENDED BY REF A, USDEL COULD APPROPRIATELY SUPPORT THE EFFORT. AS WE SEE IT, THIS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THE POSITION WE TOOK AT THE 61ST ECOSOC. STIBRAVY

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